



**NC State Health Director’s Statewide Standing Order
For Moderna mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Administration for 6 years through 11 years of age
June 23, 2022**

Purpose: To reduce morbidity and mortality from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by vaccinating persons who meet the criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and to administer Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to persons who meet criteria set-forth by the Food and Drug Administration in accordance with FDA [Emergency Use Authorization](#).

Policy: This standing order authorizes any North Carolina healthcare provider, in accordance with the conditions of their licensure, or pursuant to orders issued under North Carolina [Executive Order 256](#), or as a covered person under the federal PREP Act functioning as vaccinating providers (collectively “vaccinators”) to administer COVID-19 Vaccines authorized by the FDA per conditions of this order.

COVID-19 Vaccination							
	For an up-to-date vaccination schedule for primary, additional (for moderately or severely immunocompromised persons), and booster doses of authorized COVID-19 Vaccines for 6 months and older is available here .						
Condition/Situation: Patients Who are NOT Immunocompromised (most patients)	<p>Patients who are NOT immune compromised and present requesting vaccination will receive, with appropriate written consent from an authorized caregiver:</p> <p><u>Moderna 6 through 11 years Primary 2-Dose Series for Non-immunocompromised:</u> 6 through 11 years of age who are not immune compromised, presenting for a 2-dose primary series vaccination and with written consent from an authorized caregiver.</p> <p><u>Intervals for Doses in Moderna 6 through 11 years Primary Series for Non-immunocompromised:</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Dose 1 to Dose 2</td> <td>4 – 8 weeks</td> </tr> </table> <p>*See “Patient Education and Data Collection” , Considerations for intervals for mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series for information on counseling patients on the interval between dose 1 and dose 2.</p> <p><u>Booster Dose</u> Boosters are not authorized or recommended at this time for any persons 6 mos through 17 years who have completed the Moderna COVID-19 primary series.</p>	Dose 1 to Dose 2	4 – 8 weeks				
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Condition/Situation: Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised Patients	<p>Patients 6 through 11 years of age who self-attest, or whose authorized caregiver attests, to being moderately to severely immunocompromised and present requesting vaccination will receive, with appropriate written consent:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; background-color: #008080; color: white;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Intervals for Doses in the Moderna 6 through 11 years) Primary Series: Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Dose 1 to Dose 2 of Moderna</td> <td>4 weeks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dose 2 to Dose 3 Moderna</td> <td>At least 4 weeks*</td> </tr> </table>	Intervals for Doses in the Moderna 6 through 11 years) Primary Series: Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People		Dose 1 to Dose 2 of Moderna	4 weeks	Dose 2 to Dose 3 Moderna	At least 4 weeks*
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	<p>*See “Patient Education and Data Collection” and considerations for intervals for mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series for information on counselling patients on the interval between doses.</p> <p><u>Booster Dose for Immunocompromised</u></p> <p>Boosters are not authorized or recommended at this time for any persons 6 mos through 17 years who have completed the Moderna COVID-19 primary series.</p>
Condition	<p>In addition to criteria above, the following conditions regarding consent must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients (recipients of vaccine) 6 through 11 years of age presenting for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd primary series dose and whose parent or legal guardian has provided written consent to the vaccine will be vaccinated under FDA-Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) status. (See table below for clarification).
Assessment Criteria	
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Plan of Care	
Actions	<p>Patient Education and Data Collection</p> <p>Prior to patients receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccinator or designee (if delegation permitted by licensure and/or law) shall provide anticipatory guidance regarding vaccination to the patient, which at a minimum shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review CDC Pre-Vaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccine 2. Provide education on optimal vaccine intervals so that the patient can choose when they would like to return for their second shot. 3. Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers for Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine 6 through 11 years COVID-19 Vaccine 4. Patient’s authorized caregiver should consult primary care or other health care provider if they have questions regarding which COVID-19 vaccine they should receive for primary and booster doses. Refer to Interim Clinical Considerations for latest vaccine information. 5. V-safe information sheet to vaccine recipients/caregivers and encourage vaccine recipients to participate in V-safe. <p>Moderna COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Procedures</p>



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1. Review [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States](#)
2. Review the Fact Sheets for Healthcare Providers Administering [Moderna Fact Sheets for Healthcare Providers Administering Moderna COVID-19 vaccine pediatric formulation for ages 6 through 11 years](#).
3. Appropriate medical treatment and clinical staff able to manage immediate allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
4. A medical provider, defined as a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or a pharmacist authorized to order COVID-19 vaccines by the PREP Act must be accessible to provide medical supervision of the vaccination site/service, to assess and evaluate individuals who present with contraindications or precautions to vaccination, and to answer questions or address problems with carrying out this standing order. This may be telephone or virtual accessibility.
5. Review [Special Circumstances, Precautions, Contraindications, and Criteria or Circumstances for Notifying Medical Provider](#) sections of this standing order **before** administering the COVID-19 vaccine. For additional information see [COVID-19 Vaccines for Special Populations](#).
6. Following the current [CDC Pre-Vaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines](#), instruct patients accordingly or consult with overseeing provider.
 - a. The pre-vaccination checklist shall be followed with the following exception: COVID-19 vaccination should **not** be deferred in patients who received monoclonal antibody treatment or convalescent plasma. Patients **should** delay taking EVUSHELD for two weeks after COVID-19 vaccination.
7. Individuals under 18 presenting for COVID vaccine must have written consent from the patient's authorized parent or caregiver prior to administration per agency policy and in accordance with [NC General Statute. 90-21.13](#).
8. **Personal Protective Equipment:** Before administering the COVID-19 vaccination, don appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) per CDC guidelines for COVID-19 vaccinations to protect against the transmission of COVID-19.

Vaccine Product & Preparation:

Moderna currently has one available presentation of COVID-19 Vaccine authorized for primary series doses to individuals 6 years through 11 years of age. It is the “**Booster Doses Only**” formulation - vial and label shown below.



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This presentation is supplied in a multi-dose vial with a dark blue cap and purple border. Note that cartons and vial labels state “BOOSTER DOSES ONLY”, however, this presentation can be used to provide Primary Series doses ONLY, to individuals 6 years through 11 years of age. **It is not authorized for use as a booster dose in those 6 through 11 years of age. Consult Appendix C. Vaccine administration errors and deviations for more information.

- 1. Vaccine Preparation: Follow manufacturer’s guidance for storing/handling mixed vaccine. Refer to: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Preparation and Administration Summary. In general, the same mRNA vaccine product should be used for all doses in the primary series. See CDC guidance for exceptional situations.
2. Dosing:

Table with 2 columns: Dose (Primary series: Dose 1, 2, or 3) and Description (BLUE top with Purple border: 0.5 mL 50mcg IM injection)

*Patients shall receive the same brand of COVID-19 vaccine for their entire primary series. If a dose of a different mRNA product is inadvertently administered, that dose is valid and does not need to be repeated. If this occurs, consult Appendix C. Vaccine administration errors and deviations, and take action as directed.

- 3. Timing:
a. All recommended doses of Moderna shall be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible. Doses that are given up to 4 days (the “grace period”) before the recommended interval are valid and should not be repeated. The 4-day grace period shall not be used to prospectively schedule or administer a COVID-19 vaccine dose earlier than recommended. (See interval tables above)
b. People should receive the recommended age-appropriate vaccine dosage based on their age on the day of vaccination. If a person moves from a



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- younger age group to an older age group during the primary series or between the primary series and receipt of the booster dose(s), they should receive the vaccine product and dosage for the older age group for all subsequent doses. For specific guidance see CDC Interim Clinical Considerations on [Transitioning from a younger to older age group](#).
- c. Timing (interval) of booster dose is determined by brand of COVID-19 Vaccine administered for Primary Series. Also, see **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** for more detailed guidance.
4. See [Appendix C. Vaccine administration errors and deviations](#) for information on COVID-19 vaccine errors and administration deviations. **Administration:**
- a. **Route of Administration:** Use the chart below to determine appropriate needle gauge and site of intramuscular injection.

Age of Patient	Needle Gauge	Needle Length	Injection Site
Children, 3-10 years	22-25	5/8 –1 inch (16–25 mm)	Deltoid muscle
	22-25	1–1.25 inches (25–32 mm)	Anterolateral thigh
Children 11-18 years	16-25 mm	*5/8 inch-1 inch	Deltoid muscle

b. Needle Gauge: Changing needles between drawing up vaccine from a vial and injecting it into a patient is not necessary unless the needle has been damaged, contaminated, or if the needle used to draw up the vaccine is not the correct size for the patient based on their reported weight. Patient’s authorized caregiver may self-report the child’s weight for needle selection purposes. *If a 5/8-inch needle is used, skin must be stretched tightly (**do not bunch subcutaneous tissue**).

- 5. **Multiple vaccinations:** If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each injection in a different injection site following guidance in the CDC Interim Clinical Considerations on [Coadministration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines](#).
- 6. **Bleeding Risk:** Patients with blood disorders or who are on blood thinners: administer the vaccine using a 23 gauge or smaller caliber needle, followed by firm pressure on the site, without rubbing, for at least 2 minutes.
- 7. **Documentation:**
 - a. Patient self-attestation to severe or moderate immunocompromise should be done within the notes section in CVMS or comparable section of an EHR or other documenting systems.
 - b. **CVMS/NCIR:** Document vaccine record in CVMS or NCIR **within 24 hours** after vaccine administration per system guidelines found at: <https://immunize.nc.gov/providers/covid-19training.htm>. If vaccine is documented in the EHR within 24 hours, providers have **no more than 72 hours** from administration to also enter data in CVMS or NCIR.



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Table with 2 columns and 2 rows. Row 1: Determining whether to document in CVMS versus NCIR... c. Electronic Medical Record... d. Provide recipient’s authorized caregiver COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card... e. Counsel when and how patient needs to schedule return appointment... Row 2: Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 6 through 11 years Primary Series: Observation and Follow-Up. 1. Post-vaccination Observation: Nurses, EMS, or other individuals who are trained and supervised by clinical staff shall observe patients post-vaccination for immediate allergic reactions... 2. Anaphylaxis Management: Be prepared to manage medical emergencies... 3. Syncope: Be prepared to manage syncope as it may occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines...



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Table with 2 columns: Special Circumstances and Follow-up. Special Circumstances includes text about COVID-19 vaccination outside the US and clinical trial participants, with a bulleted list of recommendations. Follow-up includes text about reporting adverse events to VAERS and preventing administration errors, with a bulleted list of error types.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death <p>Reporting is encouraged for any other clinically significant adverse event, even if it is uncertain whether the vaccine caused the event. Click to find Information on how to submit a report to VAERS or call 1-800-822-7967.</p>
<p>Precautions for Use of this Order</p>	<p>Most people determined to have a precaution to a COVID-19 vaccine at their appointment can and should be administered vaccine. See CDC Contraindications and Precautions for COVID-19 Vaccination</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate allergic reaction‡ to any non-COVID-19 vaccine or injectable therapy (i.e., intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous vaccines or therapies [excluding subcutaneous immunotherapy for allergies, i.e., “allergy shots”]) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This includes non-COVID-19 vaccines and therapies with multiple components and the component(s) that elicited the reaction is unknown Immediate (within 4 hours after vaccination) non-severe, allergic reaction to a previous dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Contraindication to one type of COVID-19 vaccine (mRNA) is a precaution to other types of COVID-19 vaccines (Janssen) Moderate to severe acute illness, with or without fever History of MIS-C or MIS-A » History of myocarditis or pericarditis after a dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine
<p>Contraindications for Use of this Order</p>	<p>Do not administer the COVID-19 Vaccine to individuals with a history of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a component of the vaccine Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a component of the vaccine. <p>See Contraindications and Precautions for COVID-19 Vaccination and Appendix C. Vaccine administration errors and deviations</p>
<p>Criteria or Circumstances for Notifying Medical Provider</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Allergic reaction: Call 911, implement medical emergency protocols and immediately notify the medical provider providing clinical supervision of the vaccination site/service. Patient reports a precaution for the vaccine. COVID-19 Vaccine history cannot be determined or is not available. Patients vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines not authorized or approved in the US. Patients vaccinated with active COVID-19 vaccine as part of a clinical trial. Patient reports they are a HCT or CAR-T cell recipient. These patients may need revaccination, dependent on when the transplant or therapy occurred. Notify the Medical Provider from the organization providing clinical supervision of the vaccination site/service at any time there are questions or problems with carrying out this standing order.



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Note: Healthcare providers or health departments in the United States can request a consultation from CISA COVID for a complex COVID-19 vaccine safety question that is (1) about an individual patient residing in the United States or vaccine safety issue and (2) not readily addressed by CDC or Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines.

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This order is effective immediately upon signing and may be revised or revoked by the State Health Director according to his/her discretion. This order will expire upon rescission off the State of Emergency Executive Order Number 116. Legal Authority [Executive Order 256](#).